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Reception Baseline

Well done to our children in reception who recently took their baseline assessments. These short tests, in English and math, are compulsory and done on a computer. The tests have helped Miss Lodge to get to know the children in reception better. They will also help the adults who work in reception to target the support the children need this year.

The Department for Education (DfE) does not share the test scores. The DfE will use these scores to help measure the children's progress after they have done their year 6 SATs. We will receive a set of statements from the DfE. These statements will show how each child performed in their assessments. If you would like a copy of your child's statements, please speak to Miss Lodge.

Reading

Recently, parents of our younger children received an information sheet outlining what their child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The sheet also explained how you can support your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of the school website.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Well done to years 1, 2, 3 and 6 for having an attendance of more than 97% last week!

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.8%	97.4%	97.4%	97.4%	88.8%	89.1%	97.1%	94.8%

Website

We are currently updating our website to take account of the new academic year. This week, updated policies can be found under the "policies" section. Please continue to visit the website for the latest news and I will let you know when new sections are ready.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are committed to offering our children the chance to learn outside the classroom. We believe your child will benefit from taking part in different activities. Therefore, we will be running choir, cross-country and football clubs after school this term. More clubs will be announced later on this year. Please look out for more information about this.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment during school time, you must give us written confirmation so we can keep it on our records. If you need any more information about this, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

